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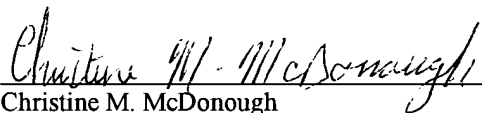
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE
TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement for the above-identified patent application, mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 29, 1997, applicants submit the following amendment and response. A petition and the appropriate fee for a one-month extension of time for response, up to and including June 29, 1997, are submitted herewith.

AMENDMENT

Please cancel claims 1-17 and 38-59.

RESPONSE

The Examiner has required restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 amongst three groups of claims: claims 1-17 (Group I), drawn to a method of inhibiting function of an integral membrane protein comprising contacting the integral membrane protein with a peptide, classified in Class 435, subclass 7.2; claims 18-37 (Group II), drawn to a method of preventing or treating a disorder in a mammal characterized by disordered function of an integral membrane protein comprising administering a peptide, classified in Class 514, subclass 2; and claims 38-59 (Group III), drawn to an antagonist for an integral membrane protein that includes peptides, classified in Class 530, subclass 300.

Applicants hereby provisionally elect with traverse the claims of Group II, namely, claims 18-37. Applicants also request that the non-elected claims, namely claims 1-17 and 38-59 be canceled without prejudice to further prosecution in a related applications.

SUMMARY

Claims 1-59 were pending in the application. Claims 18-37 are elected for prosecution in the instant application, and claims 1-17 and 38-59 are canceled by the present amendment. Applicants submit that no new matter is added by the amendment, and that support for the new claims may be found in the originally filed claims and throughout the specification.

Applicants respectfully request that the application now proceed promptly to examination.